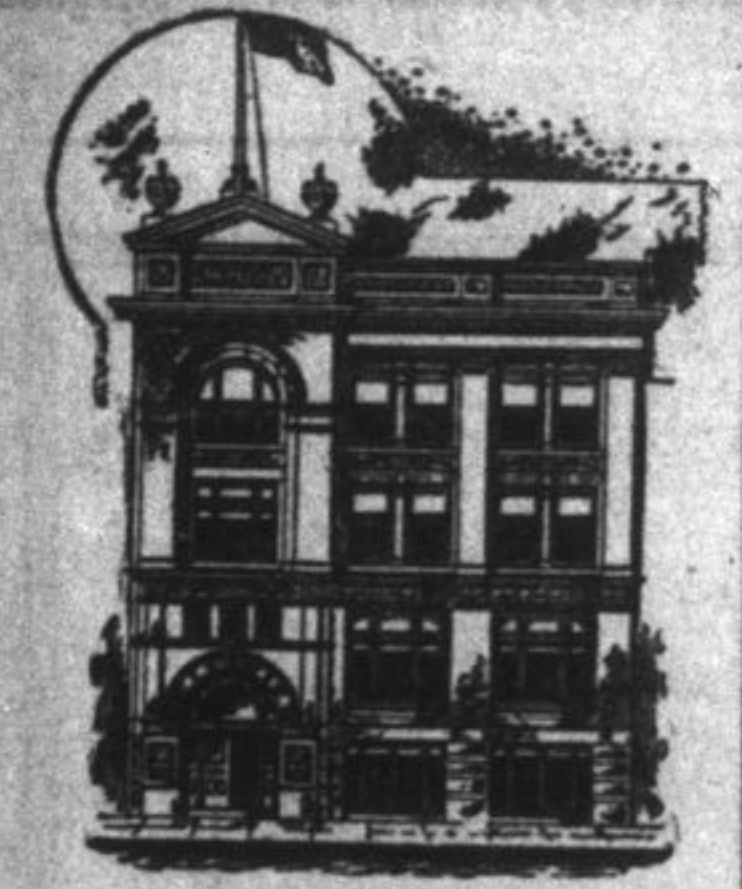


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ASQUITH OR LLOYD GEORGE.

The old feud between Lord Oxford  
and Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George  
has broken out again. There is no  
use disguising the fact that these  
periodical outbursts are injurious to  
the Liberal party in England and  
an effort ought to be made to settle  
the trouble one way or another.

Lord Oxford is a great man in the  
full meaning of the term. A great  
scholar, a great lawyer, a great orator,  
and a great parliamentarian. He  
has given of his extraordinary  
talents to the British Empire willingly  
and unselfishly. As the successor  
of Campbell-Bannerman in the  
Premiership he proved himself to  
be a statesman of vision and resourcefulness.  
His deliverances in the House of Commons  
were masterpieces. A. G. Gardiner said of him:  
"Not only does Mr. Asquith always  
use the right word, but he uses the  
one word that adequately expresses  
his meaning."

Had there been no upheaval of  
war, it is possible that Mr. Asquith  
might still be Premier of Great Britain.  
But war came, and Mr. Asquith  
was replaced by Mr. Lloyd George.  
The story goes that Lord Oxford  
blames Lloyd George for pushing  
him out. Whether that is altogether  
true or not, it is well known  
that Mr. Lloyd George was dissatisfied  
and wanted more aggressive  
leadership. This he supplied,  
himself, when he succeeded to the  
Premiership and we believe history will  
record that whatever the means that  
were used to place Lloyd George at  
the head of affairs they were justified  
by the end achieved.

The British Whig has great  
admiration for Lord Oxford. We  
are also well aware of the wonderful  
work done by Lord Grey, of Fal-  
den, during the war, but, nevertheless  
we believe that there is in England  
to-day, only one man who can  
lead the Liberals back to power,  
and that man is Lloyd George. Lord  
Oxford is now in the House of Lords,  
so is Lord Grey. The Liberals  
of British like a Commoner to lead  
them. Lord Oxford is well along in  
years. He has passed the allotted  
span, and has reached that time of  
life when one likes to take things  
easy. Lloyd George is sixty, but he is  
as full of fire and vigor as many a  
man of forty. He has vision, he has  
courage, he has ability, and despite  
all the enemies that have encamped  
against him, both in his own party  
and out of it, he still occupies a pre-  
eminent position in the world.

Lloyd George is a man of the  
people. Like all great men he has  
made mistakes. But if he were given  
a free hand to-day, we believe he  
would give to the Liberals of Eng-  
land the leadership that they need.  
The future of Liberalism in Great  
Britain is of more importance than  
personal vendettas. At this distance  
it looks as if the wisest thing for  
Lord Asquith to do is to retire to  
the peaceful seclusion of the House  
of Lords and allow Lloyd George to  
build up around him a new army of  
vigorous and brilliant young Lib-  
erals. Men of the calibre of Mr.  
George are not born every year. The  
Empire should have every opportunity  
of using his outstanding ability  
to the limit.

\* The dealers in cold storage eggs  
had a loss of \$3,000,000 because of  
the dumping on the markets of the  
United States of 100,000 cases in  
February last. They glutted the  
market.

BIBLE THOUGHT  
THESE ARE THE THINGS  
THAT YE SHALL DO:  
Speak ye every man the truth to his  
neighbor; execute the judgment of  
truth and peace in your gates.—  
Zechariah 8:16.

A MISLEADING DESPATCH.

The despatch sent out from To-  
ronto Saturday morning relative to  
the meeting of the executive  
of the Ontario Liberal Association  
was very misleading. This despatch  
was based on a report which appear-  
ed in the Mail and Empire on Satur-  
day morning, and which did not  
state the facts correctly.

According to the Mail and Empire,  
the meeting of the executive of the  
Ontario Liberal Association decided  
by a vote of almost two to one, not  
to hold a Provincial convention.  
The meeting did nothing of the kind.  
After a full, free and frank discus-  
sion, the meeting referred the ques-  
tion of the advisability of holding a  
convention to the management com-  
mittee. They are to enquire into  
the advisability of holding a con-  
vention this summer and make a  
decision.

There were no reporters at the  
meeting, and the Mail and Empire's  
report is quite evidently built up on  
scraps of information picked up here  
and there. It is, of course, colored  
with the idea of hurting the cause  
of Liberalism, but it would have  
been more becoming a paper of the  
standing of the Mail and Empire to  
have tried to secure a correct report  
of the proceedings, if it published  
anything at all.

As in all political gatherings there  
was a good deal of discussion re-  
garding matters of policy, but all  
were agreed, on one point, that the  
issue before the people in the next  
Provincial election, will not be the  
O.T.A., Hydro, or the political ad-  
ministration of Northern Ontario,  
but whether the banner Province of  
Ontario can afford to keep in office  
a Premier who failed to keep his  
promise to the people is a vital  
matter.

THE LIBERALS AND THE U.F.O.

During the summer months nomi-  
nating conventions will be held all  
over the province. On June 11th,  
the Liberals of the new Frontenac-  
Lennox riding will nominate a candi-  
date, and very shortly other eastern  
Ontario ridings will be doing like-  
wise.

In this connection the question  
very naturally arises, as to what at-  
titude the Liberals and the United  
Farmers are going to assume toward  
each other in the coming contest.  
Are they going to indiscriminately  
nominate candidates all over the  
province, thus assuring three-corn-  
ered fights, or are they going to  
co-operate to fight the autocratic  
government that holds office in  
Queen's Park at the present time?

While the policies of the Progres-  
sives and the Liberals are not ex-  
actly alike, they are very similar.  
Both parties stand for equal rights  
to all and special privileges to none;  
both parties strongly advocate econ-  
omy; and both parties believe in  
democratic government. Why then  
should the forces of democracy be  
divided in the coming fight?

A CHIVALROUS PREMIER.

When a resolution was presented  
to the meeting of the Ontario Lib-  
eral Association expressing confi-  
dence in the Rt. Hon. W. L. Macken-  
zie King, and congratulating him  
upon the substantial progress that  
was being made at Ottawa, Mr. W.  
G. Raymond, ex-M.P. of Brantford,  
paid an eloquent tribute to what he  
termed the chivalry and fine courage  
of the Prime Minister. With that  
eloquence of which he is a past mas-  
ter, Mr. Raymond referred to the  
keen sense of chivalry that led Mr.  
King to pair with Mr. Meighen, on  
the critical budget vote. The leader  
of the opposition declared at the be-  
ginning of the session that there  
were to be no pairs, but being con-  
fined to his home during the latter  
part of the Budget debate Mr. King  
agreed to be paired with him, thus  
reducing the government majority  
by one vote. Again on the division  
on the personnel of the C.N.R. com-  
mittee, Mr. King voluntarily paired  
himself with Mr. Meighen, who was  
still confined to his home.

It was little incidents like these,  
said Mr. Raymond, that disclosed to  
the people the manner of man they  
had at the head of affairs in this  
country. The hundreds of thousands  
of admirers of Mr. Mackenzie King  
will agree with the sentiments ex-  
pressed by the eloquent and scholar-  
ly ex-member for Brantford, and  
will hope that Mr. King may long  
continue to adorn the high office  
for which he has shown himself to  
be so singularly fitted in every way.

The Victoria Cross is regarded by  
most British subjects as the proud-  
est decoration a human being can  
wear. After a lot of newspaper dis-  
cussion, the London Gazette an-  
nounced, on February 8th, 1889,  
that Queen Victoria had under her  
royal sign manual been pleased to  
institute a new naval and military  
decoration, called the Victoria  
Cross.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "take the dishes off of  
the table." Omit "of."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: senile. Pronounce first e as in  
"he," i as in "ice," or as in "ill," accent on first syllable.

OFTEN MISSPELLED: bureau.

SYNONYMS: postpone, delay, suspend, defer, protract, pro-  
crastinate, adjourn.

WORD STUDY: "Uses a word three times and it is yours."  
Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day.  
To-day's word: OBSTINATE; hard to control or cure. "He is an  
obstinate child and requires strict discipline."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Blossoms always look nicer on a  
tree than they do in a vase.

You have to pay a lot of taxes,  
but there are more you don't have to  
pay.

Turkey is spending much money  
on armies. This is one bird which  
always keeps his spurs in good work-  
ing order.

Is the North Pole getting back at  
us for the intrusion of our explorers?  
Down here we feel the coolness of  
the reception given them.

Looking at the number of motor  
cars parked round the city's places  
of worship, one wonders how people  
got to church in the days before the  
gasoline era.

There are people who can recall  
the stage coach, then the railway  
and the auto, who now see a new  
postman flying on wings that cut a  
1,000-mile journey of weeks down to  
a few hours. The planes have left  
the railways far behind.

For the first time in fourteen  
years the prisons of New York state  
are filled. There are a total of 72-  
000 persons confined in the four  
state prisons and two hospitals for  
the criminal insane, crowding them  
to capacity.

No one ever saw a clean, pro-  
gressive, happy community which  
did not have active, prosperous and  
healthy business institutions. It is  
the city with the best business which  
has the best schools, the best hospi-  
tals and the most modern improve-  
ments.

A movement is "on foot" in the  
House of Commons to curtail  
speech-making in that august as-  
sembly, and there is said to be some  
prospect of its success. A British  
parliamentarian had a very good  
rule in this respect, namely: Having  
something to say; say it, and sit  
down.

The St. Lawrence canal, with only  
fourteen feet of water, and in use  
only 234 days last year, made a  
very good showing in comparison  
with the Manchester ship canal and  
the Panama canal, each with twice  
that depth of water and in use 355  
days. The inadequate St. Lawrence  
channel carried 325,297 more tons  
of freight than the Manchester canal  
and only 1,359,699 less than the  
Panama canal. Yet the Manchester  
and Panama canals are considered  
to be successful justifying the out-  
lay they involved.

The United States financiers re-  
gard the British miners' strike as  
very serious. Its effect in the States  
shows itself in "dramatic trade rela-  
tions between it and Great Britain,  
in erratic fluctuations of foreign  
rates of exchange and probably in  
the selling of British holdings of  
American securities." A financial  
writer adds: "England is our most  
important neighbor, our best cus-  
tomer and our greatest debtor. If  
her prosperity is lessened and her  
prestige weakened, our welfare will  
inevitably be adversely affected."

Mayor F. W. McLogan, Westmount,  
on his return from England said he  
found that the reputation of Cana-  
dian produce in Great Britain had  
been steadily enhanced during the  
last two or three years, and although

Australian and New Zealand com-  
petition in butter and cheese is  
keener than ever Canadian farmers  
and producers need have no qualms  
as long as they maintain the quality,  
he asserted. Grading has done much  
to raise the reputation of Canadian  
butter overseas; and as regards  
cheese the Canadian product main-  
tains its popularity against all com-  
petitors.

News and Views.

No Mystery at All.  
Boston Transcript: Dr. Richard  
Caot tells an audience why men  
work. But the man who is trying  
to pay for the house, educate the  
children and keep a motor car does  
not have to go to a lecture to find  
out why he is on the job six days a  
week.

Helping Them to Help Themselves.  
Vancouver Sun: Some day we shall  
learn that there is very little that  
we can do for other people beyond help-  
ing them to help themselves. And  
when we really learn this elementary  
fact about human nature, we shall  
probably recast many of our notions  
about charity about education and  
about government.

Lincoln's Opinion.  
Guelph Mercury: The late Presi-  
dent Lincoln became famous during  
his presidential term for his  
mixture of good humor and ready wit  
in his speeches; but occasionally one  
comes across sayings of his of a  
simple sort, uttered long before he  
became prominent as a statesman.  
For example, he is quoted as remark-  
ing, in 1856, that he "could not con-  
ceive why the average man would  
rather work all over a twenty-acre  
field when, with a little gumption,  
he could get better results on ten acres  
properly tilled." This remark is a  
gem of agricultural common sense,  
and it should be always in the mind  
of the farmer as a motto.

Abusing Mother's Day.  
Perth Examiner: Wholesale florists  
are abusing the privileges of  
Mother's Day and are taking a mean  
advantage of the sentiment attached  
to that day. Mother's Day was  
established a few years ago, with  
flowers as the medium in which the  
idea was carried out. By doubling  
the prices on roses and carnations,  
the wholesale florists will simply  
kill Mother's Day. We commend the  
idea of that church organization that  
has decided to observe Mother's Day  
towards the end of June. Let us  
pass up the custom for Sunday and  
observe it any Sunday in June when  
garden flowers may be secured in  
abundance.

Pays More Than Ever.  
Edmonton Journal: Forty years  
ago Sir Gilbert Parker met a man  
who told him a good story. The idea  
came to the novelist recently of mak-  
ing it the basis of a book but he had  
forgotten some of the details. Hav-  
ing practical good sense as well as  
literary genius, he inserted a small  
advertisement saying that "Botany  
Bay" wanted to see "Frank H." again.  
Apparently the first was the name  
by which Sir Gilbert went at the  
time of their acquaintance. Within  
a few days the advertisement was  
answered from Chicago and a reunion  
was arranged. "The moral is obvi-  
ous and the obvious need not be  
set down," is the comment of The  
New York Times, in the columns of  
which the novelist reported. As a  
means of linking scattered human-  
ity there is nothing like a widely  
circulated newspaper.

It's easy to talk philosophically if  
the other fellow is paying the  
freight.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

A Strange Desert Race.

By Arthur N. Pack.  
In the deserts generally of west-  
ern United States live the horned li-  
zards, or, as they are generally called,  
horned toads. There are several  
species but they are much alike in  
appearance and habits. They delight  
in the hottest deserts, finding their  
joy in an environment relieved by  
comparatively few creatures, and  
these mostly of the night.  
Though they contribute little to  
man's material interests they are  
general favorites from their well-  
known harmless habits, and because  
they give a touch of life to a land-  
scape sometimes otherwise devoid of  
it.  
The horned toad, like a few other  
reptiles, lives on a sort of border-  
line as regards its reproduction.  
Some lay a couple of dozen eggs  
which they bury in a warm bank  
where they hatch in about 20 days  
by nature's warmth, while others re-

tain the eggs within their bodies  
and bring forth their young alive—  
tiny pink editions of themselves,  
ready at their birth to take care of  
themselves in a world where young  
horned toads have many enemies.  
Besides feigning death, an artifice  
which saves many a one from un-  
welcome notice, the horned toad has  
another means of defense that is al-  
most unique in nature. Under cer-  
tain circumstances, when threaten-  
ed, it squirts from a duct under the  
eye- lid a blood-like liquid which is  
so distasteful to most animals that  
it forms an effective deterrent to  
further curiosity, and often pre-  
serves its life. And so, though liv-  
ing in a forbidding land, where even  
its staple food is scarce, the race of  
horned toads persists.  
Their gentleness makes them in-  
teresting as pets, and they are active  
destroyers of insects if their lot be  
cast in places where there are in  
abundance.



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